

Multi-electron atoms (II)

Hartree Approximation

For an atom with Z electrons

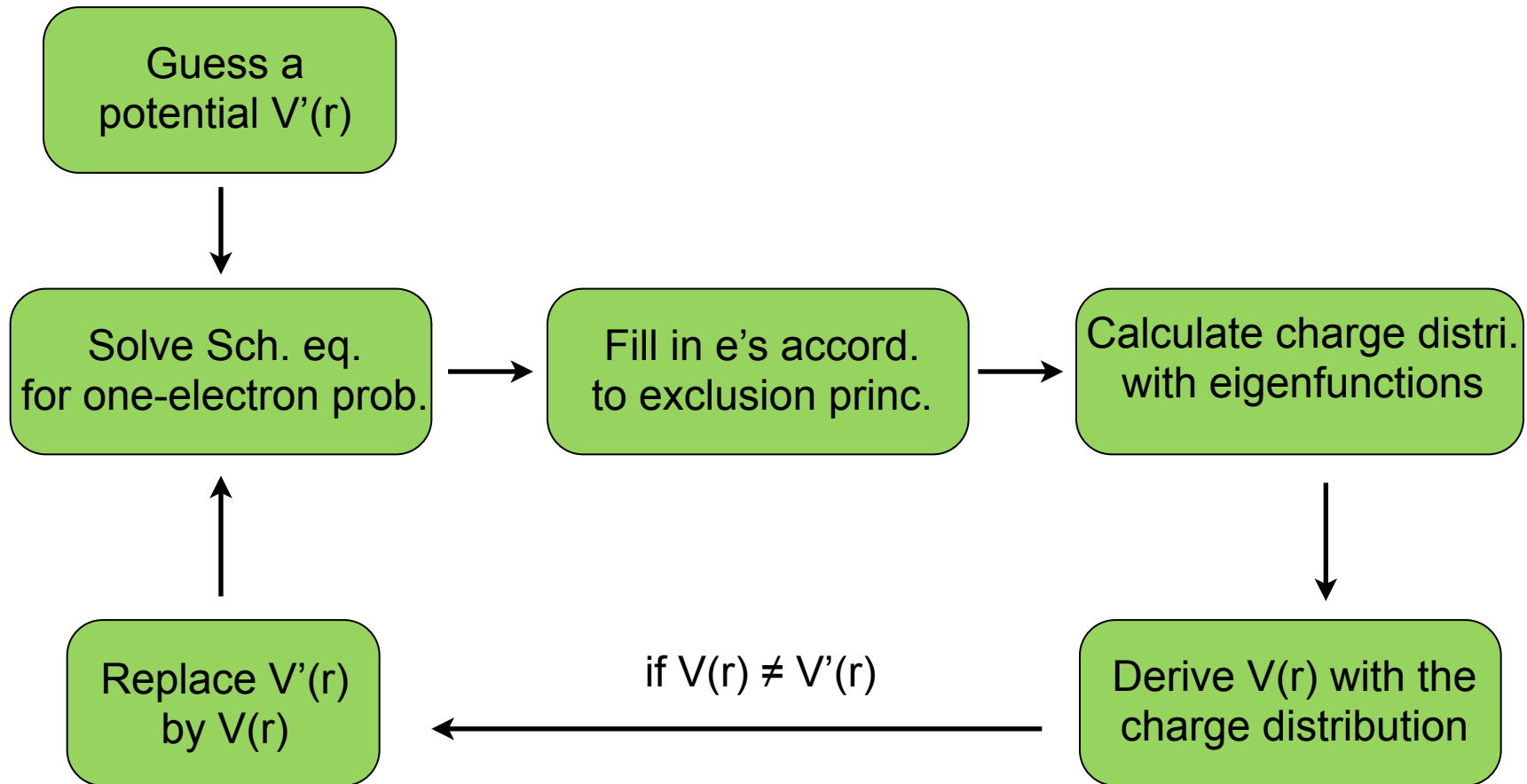
$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^Z \left(\frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m_e} - \frac{Ze^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_i} \right) + \sum_{i>j} \sum_j \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|} \right] \psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_Z) = E\psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_Z)$$

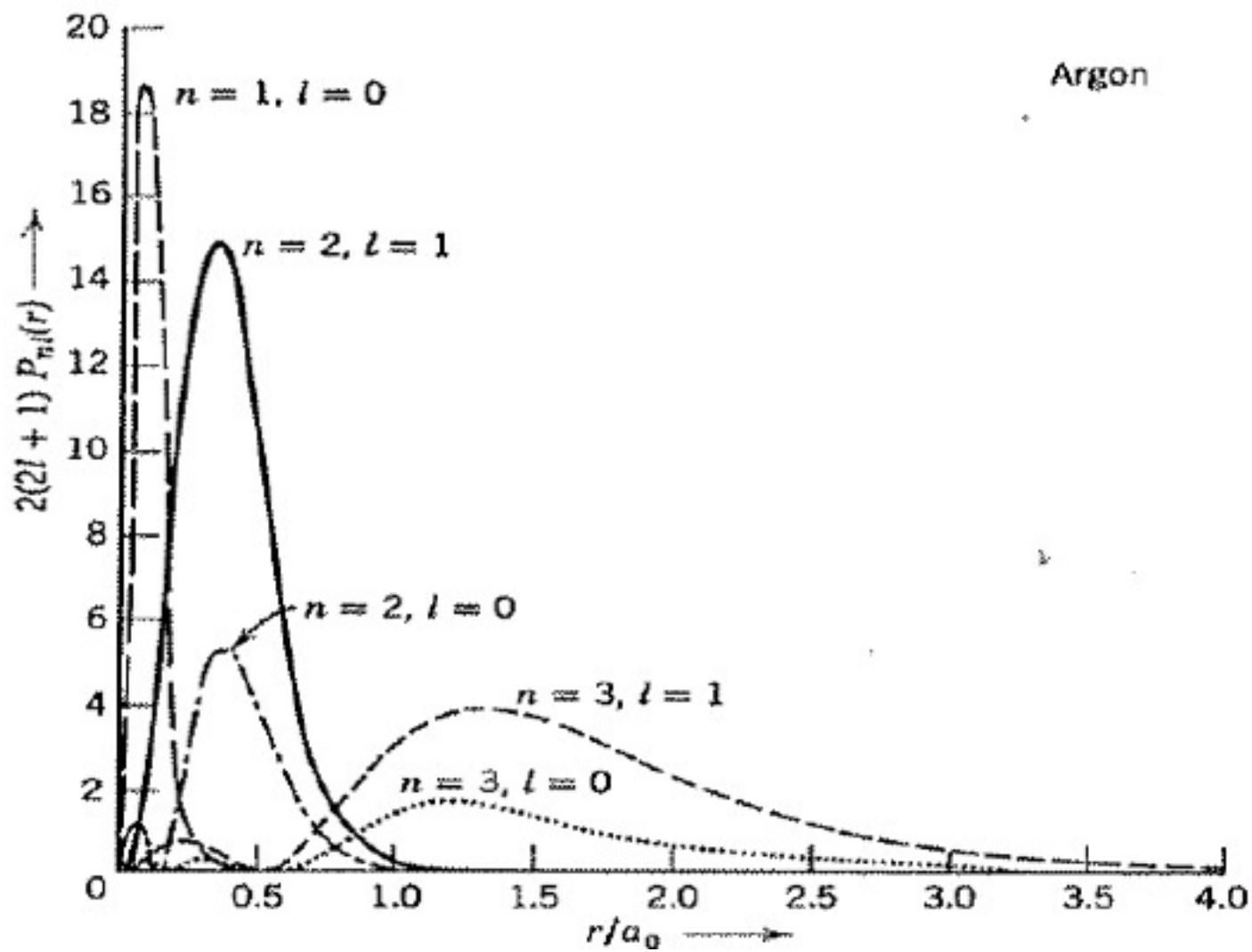
$\uparrow \qquad V(\mathbf{r}) \qquad \uparrow$

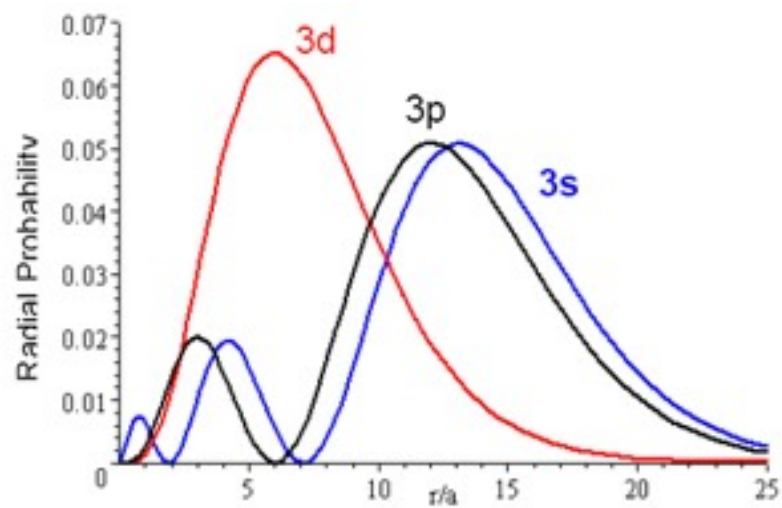
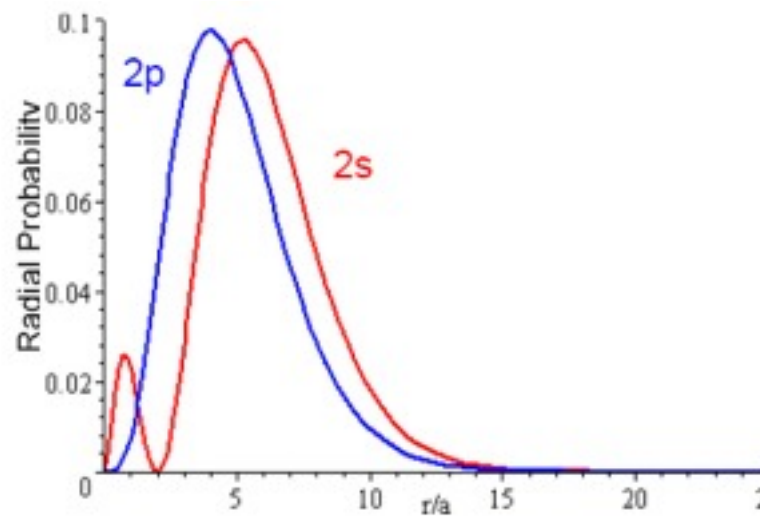
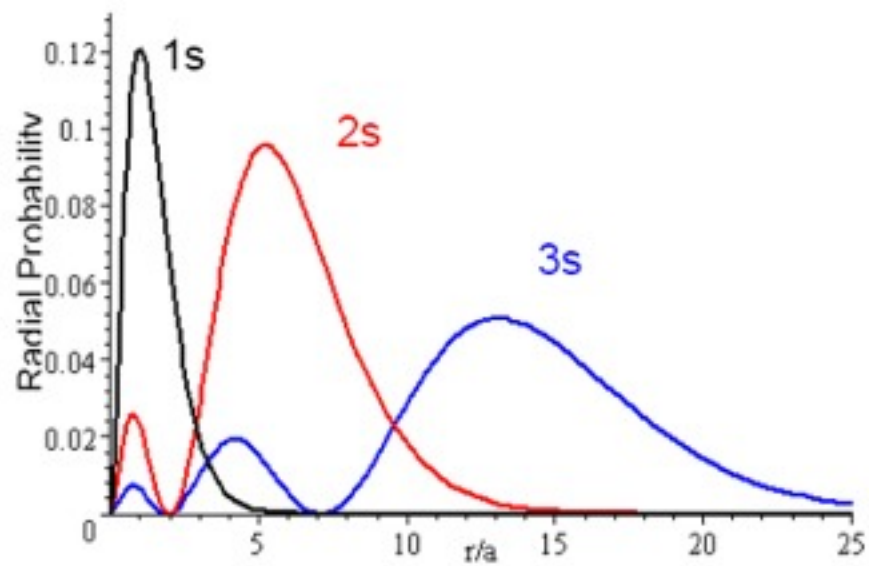
The method makes the following major simplifications in order to deal with this task:

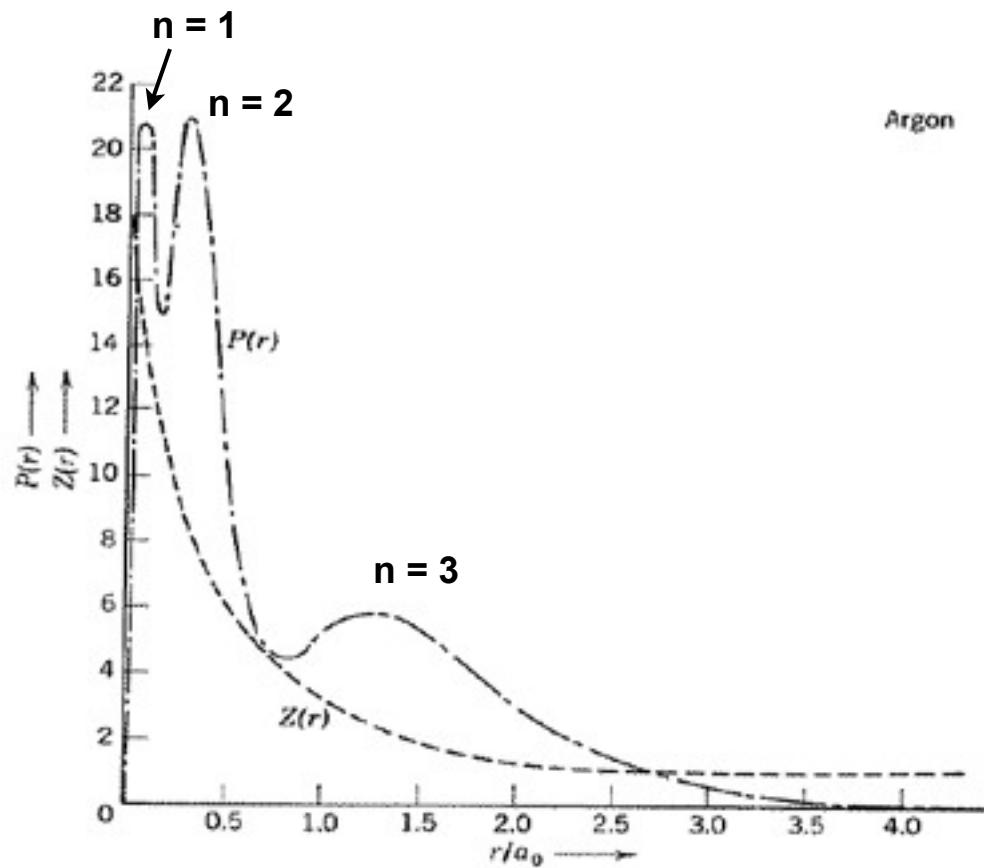
- The Born–Oppenheimer approximation is inherently assumed. The full molecular wave function is actually a function of the coordinates of each of the nuclei, in addition to those of the electrons.
- Typically, relativistic effects are completely neglected. The momentum operator is assumed to be completely non-relativistic.
- The variational solution is assumed to be a linear combination of a finite number of basis functions, which are usually (but not always) chosen to be orthogonal. The finite basis set is assumed to be approximately complete.
- The mean field approximation is implied. Electrons are moving independently in a spherically symmetrical net potential.

Algorithm for Hartree Approximation







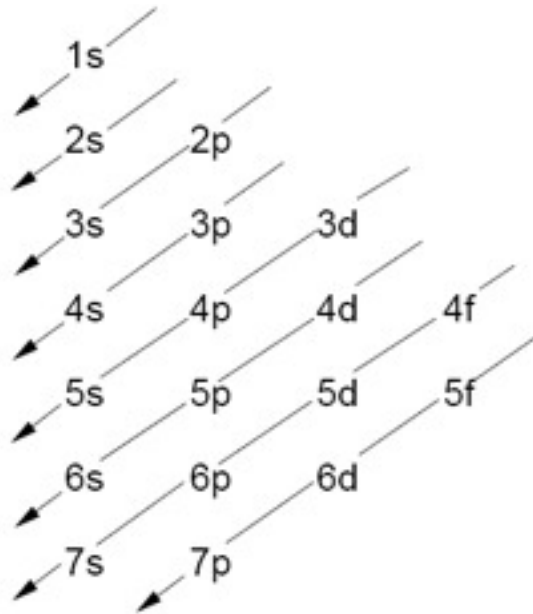


Argon

$$V(r) = -\frac{Z(r)}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r}$$

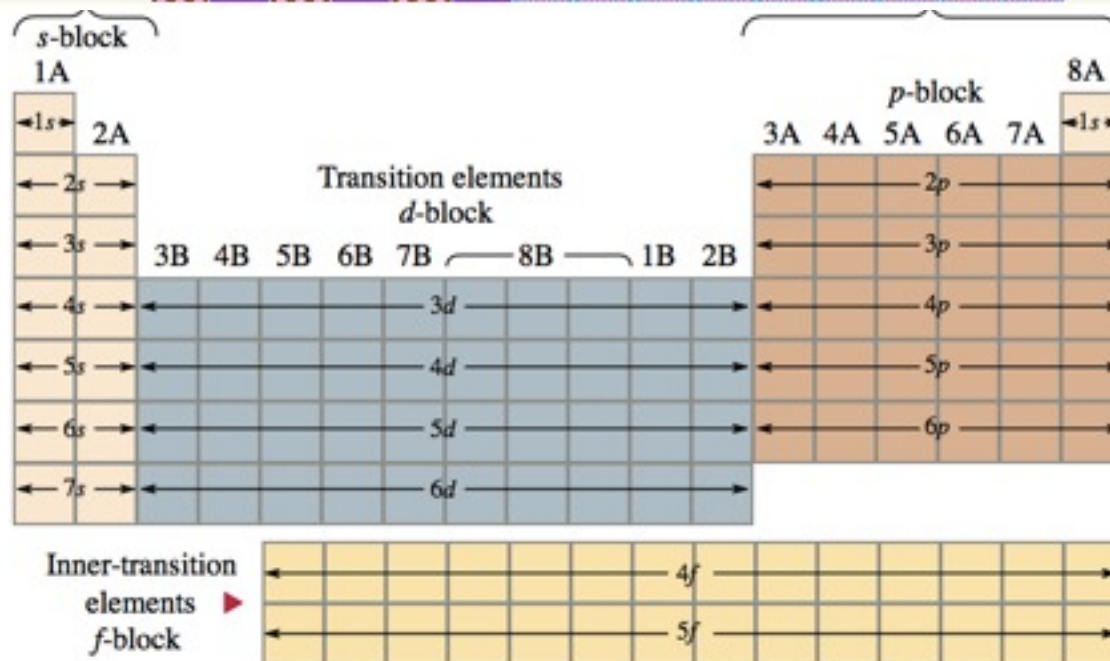
$$Z(r) = \begin{cases} Z, & r \rightarrow 0 \\ 1, & r \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

Aufbau principle

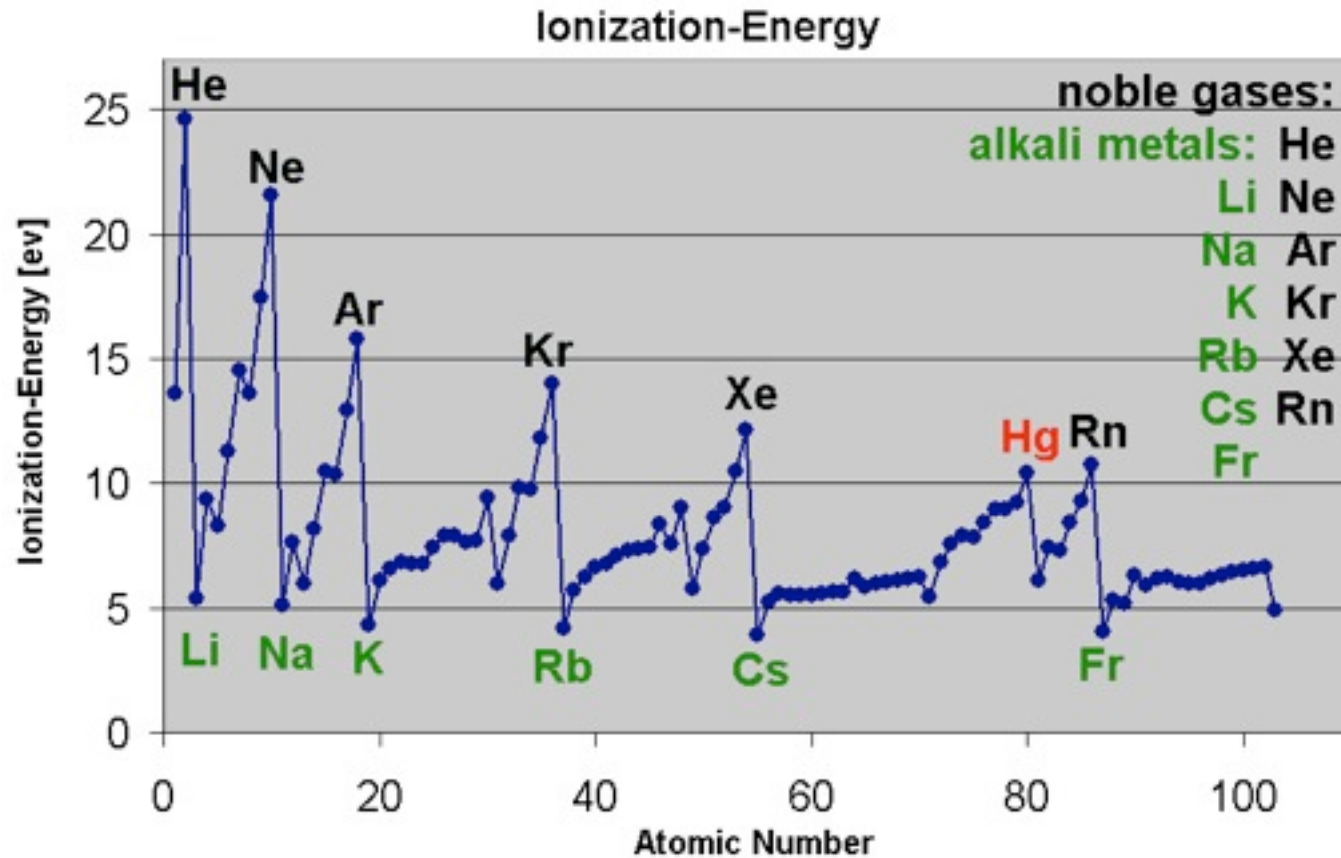


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2	3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
3	11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
6	55 Cs	56 Ba	* Lanthanoids	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	** Actinoids	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl	115 Uup	116 Uuh	117 Uus	118 Uuo

* Lanthanoids	57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
** Actinoids	89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr



First Ionization Energy



Homework#7 (Oct. 25, 2010):

For the argon atom, the values of Z_n are determined with $Z_1 = 16$, $Z_2 = 8$, and $Z_3 = 3$. Use these values to estimate the radii of the $n = 1, 2$, and 3 shells of the atom.